(b) whether there is a vast scope *to* promote tourism by developing the sea beaches in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Department of Tourism, Government of India on receipt of specific proposals from the State Government of Orissa has sanctioned construction of Yatri Niwas at Puri in 1992-93 for an amount of Rs. 44.85 lakhs, tourist complex at Gopalpur in 1993-94 for Rs. 38.23 lakhs and a tourist complex at Paradeep in 1993-94 for Rs. 32.50 lacs for facilitating the development of tourism on the beaches of Orissa.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Department of Tourism in consultation with the Government of Orissa has identified Puri—Konark as a Special Tourism Area for integrated development of tourism in this area.

**Foreign Tourists**

3270. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to promote tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target set for the arrival of foreign tourists during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and the number of foreign tourists actually arrived; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to attract increasing number of foreign tourists to the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The steps taken by the Government of India to promote tourism in the country include development of tourism infrastructure, marketing and publicity efforts development of facilities for adventure sports, promotion of fairs and festivals and Human Resource Development .

(c) The details of targets set for the arrival of foreign tourists during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 and the number of foreign tourists actually arrived are placed below:

| Year | Target Set | Actual Arrivals |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 . . . | 1955000 | 1820239 |
| 1993-94 . . . | 2000000 | 1871262 |
| 1994-95 . . . | 2200000 | 1909601 |

(d) The steps being taken to attract more foreign tourists to the country include strengthening of overseas publicity and promotion and improvement of infrastructural facilities.

**Wetlease of A-310 Airbus**

3271. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to wetlease some A-310 Airbus aircrafts which are with Air India;

(b) if so, the reasons for taking such decision; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.